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The President
 The White House
 Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am deeply concerned about recent press reports that China has been exporting nuclear-weapons technology to Pakistan. If the reports are accurate, I urge you to impose the maximum sanctions available under U.S. law.

If our vital national policy against proliferation of weapons of mass destruction is to have any meaning, firm action must be promptly taken when countries violate that policy.

This is not a case which would warrant the exercise of Presidential authority to waive such penalties. To do that would make our national policy an international laughing stock and encourage other nations to proceed with impunity on the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The Intelligence Community has done an excellent job in identifying this violation and now it is up to the Executive Branch, through Presidential order, to carry out the tough sanctions as mandated by U.S. law.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter
 Chairman

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